



Student takes journey of self-discovery

German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche said: “destiny exercises its influence over us even when, as yet, we have not learned its nature”. CDU student **MARC POLAIN** has discovered the truth behind these words.

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Creative Arts and Industries (New Media) student Marc Polain at work on his latest graphic design project.

When Marc Polain, 20, walked out of Taminmin High School for the last time and through the doors of CDU for the first time, he had no idea of what the future might hold. He knew he loved sketching, creating cartoons and drawing Manga characters, but wondered how he could forge a career from these interests.

Marc scoured the university course material to find a degree that matched his interests. He signed up for the Bachelor of Creative Arts and Industries (New Media), but little did he know this choice would actually lead him to discover his life’s passion.

Now in his third year of study, Marc is well on his way to becoming a professional 3D animator, who hopes to work in film or computer game design. “Before starting the course, I knew very little about new media, but as soon as I began to learn more

about it and pick up the specific skills, particularly in graphic design, something just clicked and I knew it was what I wanted to do for my career,” he said.

Marc said the broad scope of skills taught in the course, including animation, video production, digital media, gaming, and sound and web design, had also helped to fuel his career ambitions.

“Each of the skills I’ve learnt through the course has really helped focus and direct me towards my future career. The course also trains you in how to deal with clients, how to sell your services and, ultimately, how to land a job, all of which I know I will find particularly useful when I graduate and start looking for work,” he said.

Now, with his sights set firmly on the new media industry, Marc is experiencing the potential of education to transform lives.

“I didn’t expect my degree choice to play such a huge role in shaping the rest of my life. I simply signed up for the course because it sparked my interest. I’m amazed that it’s proved such a life-shaping experience. I read somewhere about how life is a journey and not a destination, and that’s exactly how I would describe my experiences on this course,” he said.